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MESSAGE:

Please find attached:

- Amendment A, responding to an Office Action mailed 12/15/2005, for Application Serial Number 10/823,879 (8 pages).

Thank you,



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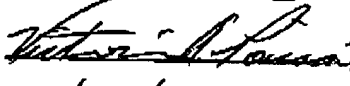
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Amendment A

Dear Examiner:

This amendment responds to the Office action mailed December 15, 2005 for the subject application, in which Claims 8-14 were rejected and Claims 1-7 and 15-20 were withdrawn from consideration.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-7, 11 and Claims 15-20; amended Claims 8, 9, 12 and 13; and added four new Claims 21-24. Ten (10) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 8-10, 12-14, and 21-24, of which Claims 8 and 24 are independent.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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